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THOMPSON'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, JOHN THOMPSON, late of the Strand, but now of King Street, Covent Garden, in the County of Middlesex, Surgeon, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty King George the Third, by His
5 Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Thirtieth day of October, in the twenty-seventh year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His especial licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators,
10 and assigns, and every of them, by myself and themselves, or my or their deputy or deputies, servants or agents, or such others as I, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times hereafter during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exer-
15 cise, and vend, within that part of Great Britain called England, His Dominions of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, my Invention of "AN ENTIRE NEW MEDICINE, CALLED BEAUMÉ D'ARQUEBUSADE CONCENTRÉ, OR CONCENTRATED BALSAM OF ARQUEBUSADE," in such manner as to me, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, should,
20 in my or their discretion, seem meet, and that I, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should and lawfully might have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, commodity, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, and accruing and arising by reason of the said Invention,

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for and during the term of years therein mentioned, to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licence, powers, privileges, and advantages therein-before granted or mentioned to be granted unto me, the said John Thompson, my executors, administrators, and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent next and 5 immediately ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended according to the Statute in that case made and provided; in which said Letters Patent is contained a provisoe obliging me, the said John Thompson, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be pre- 10 pared, to be enrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within one calendar month next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said provisoe, I, the said 15 John Thompson, do hereby describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and declare that the same is composed of the juices of the following herbs, roots, &c.; videlicet:—

Take of the juice of, first,—

Stramonium majus album	or	Great white thorn apple,	20
Rhus obsonoriam	„	Sumach,	
Helleborus niger	„	Black hellibore,	
Astrantia imperatoria	„	The great master wort,	
of each, one pint.			

2d, Asparagus corruda	or	Prickly rock asparagus,	25
Lychius saponaria	„	Soap wort,	
Hieracea Cichoracea, properly		Female hawkweed,	
Calcitrapa flore alba	„	White-flowered star thistle,	
Cistus sabdenifera	„	Sweet gum cistus,	
Asteriscus	„	Star wort,	30
Choemœdryes maritima	„	Syrian herb mastick,	
of each, three pints.			

3d, Salvia agrestis	or	Wild rock sage,	
Origanum	„	Wild marjoram,	
Pulegium Cervinum	„	Hart's pennyroyal,	35
Panax heracleum majus	„	The greater all-heat,	
of each, four pints.			

Put these altogether into a large earthen jar with a narrow mouth, placed in a tub to catch what works over in fermentation, adding thereto, of the

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genine salt of soda (so called), prepared at Alicant, in Spain, two pounds ;
 bullock's gall, perfectly fresh, two quarts. When the fermentation is over, and
 the feeces have subsided, pour off the clear liquor, and put it into a strong
 retort, which having placed in a sand heat, and luted a receiver, gradually rise
 5 the fire to such a height as is sufficient to throw off all the parts capable of
 being raised. This done, extinguish the fire, and when the vessel is quite cold
 unlute the receiver, and having separated the oily parts from the watry, add
 the oil to what remains in the retort, and stop it close. Then carefully
 evaporate the residuum to the consistence of honey, and put to the
 10 above, adding at the same time to every quart of liquid in the retort six
 ounces of camphire extracted from rosemary, first dissolved in a sufficient
 quantity of the very best rectified spirit of wine. Put the whole into a strong
 bottle with a ground stopper ; place it in a moderate sand heat for five or six
 days, often shaking the vessel ; then let it subside, and pour off the beaumé
 15 for use. Note.—During the whole of the process great care must be taken
 not to increase the heat too hastily.

In witness whereof, I, the said John Thompson, have hereunto set my
 hand and seal, the Twenty-eighth day of November, in the twenty-
 seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by
 20 the grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender
 of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand
 seven hundred and eighty-six.

JOHN (L.S.) THOMPSON.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Twenty-eighth day of November,
 25 in the year last above mentioned, the said John Thompson came before our
 said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification
 aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form last
 above mentioned. And also that the Specification aforesaid was duly stamped
 according to the tenor of the Statute in that case made and provided.

30 Inrolled the Twenty-eighth day of November, in the year last above
 written.

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